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SUBJECT: OCEANOGRAPHIC RESEARCH ARGENTINE WATERS

REF: BUENOS AIRES 0300

1. DEPT CONTACTED DR. EWING OF COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY'S LAMONT DOHERTY GEOLOGICAL OBSERVATORY TO DISCUSS POINTS RAISED REFTEL. LAMONT SENT FORMAL REQUEST FOR MARINE GEOPHYSICAL RESEARCH ARGENTINE WATERS TO GOA EMBASSY WASHINGTON. THIS IS THIRD YEAR OF WORK IN THIS PROGRAM, PREVIOUSLY NO FORMAL CLEARANCE WAS SOUGHT. HOWEVER GOA CONTACT BROUGHT NEW REGULATIONS OF PAST SUMMER TO LAMONT'S ATTENTION, AND APPLICATION SUBSEQUENTLY MADE. R/V VEMA (PANAMANIAN REGISTRY) BEGINS TWO MONTH PROJECT WITH CALL MAR DEL PLATA JAN. 30. ADDITIONAL CALLS ARE USHUAIA MARCH 2 AND MAR DEL PLATA APRIL 2 AT CONCLUSION WORK. EARLIER LAMONT CONTACT FOR PROGRAM WAS THE ARGENTINE OCEANOGRAPHIC INST AT BAHIA BLANCA, PARTICULARLY ALBERTO LEONARDI. PRESENTLY NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL IS FOCAL POINT; IT IS EXPECTED THEY WILL APPOINT ANOTHER ORGANIZATION

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AS CONTACT - POSSIBLY HYDROGRAPHIC AGENCY.

2. PARA 2 REFTTEL IS DIFFERENT SUBJECT. DR. EWING SPOKE OF COOPERATIVE PROJECT AS BASICALLY LEONARDI'S IDEA. R/V VEMA'S UPCOMING WORK NOT TIED TO THIS. DR. EWING IS NOT AWARE OF ANY SPECIFICS OF WHAT HE SEES AS LONG RANGE, GENERAL AGREEMENT. NOR DOES HE KNOW HOW FAR LEONARDI MAY HAVE DEVELOPED IDEA WITHIN GOA. KISSINGER

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